

form of the amendments makes this difficult to see; note that the original reference to Tables 3 and 4 on page 6, line 17 was replaced (by Applicant's amendment mailed April 8, 1999) with reference to Tables 1 and 2.

The 35USC102 and double patenting issues are addressed by the foregoing amendments which omit fragments of SEQ ID NO:9.

Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overcharges associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 19-0750 (order no. B98-031-3).

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